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Dublin launch of New C of I hymnal supplement 'Thanks and Praise'

The Church of Ireland's new hymnal supplement, 'Thanks and Praise', will be launched in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Friday, 11th September at 6.30pm.

The new supplement contains some 200 hymns, songs and liturgical settings reflecting the best of church music to emerge since the compilation of the most recent edition of the Church Hymnal.

The selection, which is authorised by the General Synod, includes many hymns and songs, plus new settings for the Eucharist, short songs and chants – alleluias, kyries, blessings etc. – a number of items in the Irish language, music from the world church and some completely new compositions and arrangements.

Two years in preparation, the selection has been overseen by a team of parish and cathedral

musicians and clergy and has been tested in local parishes.

The Church is keen to welcome all those who participated in the project to the service and also a reception afterwards. If you plan to attend, please email Mrs Janet Maxwell (janet.maxwell@rcbdub.org) to confirm as this will help with planning.

Renewal of Columbanus link with Bobbio



The investiture of priests from Down and Connor, Fr Joseph Gunn and Fr Joseph Rooney, as

Honorary Canons of the Co-Cathedral of Bobbio, Italy took place last month.

On Saturday 29th August, the eve of the 18th annual celebration of St. Columban's Day, within the setting of a prayer vigil held in the Co-Cathedral of Bobbio, in the presence of pilgrims from a number of countries throughout Europe as well as pilgrims from Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong, Father Joseph Gunn, Parish Priest of Bangor, and Father Joseph Rooney, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Down and Connor, were invested as honorary Canons of the Co-Cathedral of Bobbio, by the Bishop of Piacenza-Bobbio, the Most Reverend Gianni Ambrosio. Their investiture highlights the religious heritage shared by the people of both dioceses. It invites all Christians in Ireland and particularly in Bangor to rediscover the living tradition of Columbanus. It points to the religious, monastic and cultural significance of Columbanus, a figure who preceded both the schism between the Churches of East and West and the sixteenth century Reformation.

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Ballintoy Parish Church in The Lost City of Z

Ballintoy is buzzing with the news that several Hollywood A listers are filming a drama there.

The cast from “The Lost City of Z” includes big names like Sienna Miller, Charlie Hunnam, Sienna Buck and Robert Pattinson.

Ballintoy Parish Church of Ireland was the location of the day. The area has received worldwide press over previous filming of Game of Thrones close to the same location.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir has returned



They are back..... St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Dublin, has returned from its summer break. Details of this and all choral services (twice daily excluding Saturdays so there's plenty to choose from) can be found on the Cathedral website.

http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/Monthly_Music_List.aspx

Heritage Day first for Belfast Parish

For the first time, St Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Donegal Pass, Belfast will be open as part of the European Heritage Open Days

programme. Talks and tours of the church will be available on

Sunday 13th September from 2.00 pm—4.00 pm

Ardoyne Parish Scouts re-open

As part of the re-opening 45th Scout Group, based in Immanuel Church of Ireland, Ardoyne Road, is holding a "Registration Night" on Monday 7th September. Cubs are 8-10.5 and Scouts 10.5 - 15.5

Get Up and Go Scouting!

Stormont Parish clean Greenway effort

We're cleaning up the Comber Greenway on Saturday, with the help of Sustrans. Not that it needs any cleaning up, because Sustrans keeps it looking perfect! Anyone want to come along? You will be most welcome - but Canon David Humphries needs your name before Saturday. The group meets at St Molua's at 10.00am. Bring one of those litter pick-up things, gloves and a black bag. If you haven't got them, don't worry.

Gay clergyman faces wait for ruling in discrimination case

A gay clergyman may have to wait until next year to find out whether a decision to remove his right to officiate after he married another man was discriminatory.



Canon Jeremy Pemberton, who married Laurence Cunningham last April, was told a job offer as a chaplain for Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust was being withdrawn.

This came after Acting Bishop of Southwell and Nottinghamshire Richard Inwood refused him a licence to officiate. Mr Inwood has said the same-sex marriage was against the church's beliefs.

Mr Pemberton is taking the Church of England to a tribunal claiming he was unlawfully discriminated against by the bishop.

He was joined by supporters including broadcaster Reverend Richard Coles as the Nottingham Employment Tribunal heard final submissions from both parties.

Thomas Linden QC, representing the church, said: "The state should not be saying to a religious organisation you can or can't choose this person as your priest.

"The tribunal should say it's clear on the evidence what the church thinks of same-sex marriage."

He argued Mr Pemberton went against the doctrine of the church when he entered his same-sex marriage in "a blaze of publicity".

Bishop of Carlisle opposes Assisted Dying Bill

The Bishop of Carlisle, the C of E lead bishop in the House of Lords on health, writes in the Times

(August 31) that the support of the former Director of Public Prosecutions for the Assisted Dying Bill ([report, Aug 29](#)) puts the current careful balance in jeopardy with no achievable outcome other than facilitating some individuals at the cost of placing many thousands of vulnerable people at risk.

He points out that where assisted suicide is permitted, many terminally ill people become concerned that the natural processes of dying might make them a burden to their families and carers, and this becomes a factor in their decision to seek assistance in ending their lives.

Since the Death with Dignity Act was passed in Oregon, 40 per cent of those who have ingested lethal drugs cited this as a concern, with the figures for Washington State reaching 60 per cent in 2013.

Bishop Newcome writes that: “Terminally ill people deserve to be surrounded with love, compassion and care; not called to make a choice between dying prematurely and being a burden. The only effective safeguard against this pressure is to keep the law as it is” and that “High profile endorsements of the Assisted Dying Bill and snap opinion polls ought not to replace careful analysis of this complex life and death issue.”

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/letters/article4542482.ece>

New Bishop of Newcastle

The next Bishop of Newcastle has been announced by 10 Downing Street as the Venerable Christine Hardman.

The announcement made on the 10 Downing Street website read:

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Christine Hardman BSc (Econ), M.Th, formerly Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich and now Honorary Assistant Priest in the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Saviour and St Mary Overie Southwark, for election as Bishop of Newcastle in succession to the Right Reverend Martin Wharton, BA, on his resignation on 30th November 2014.

Read the full announcement at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bishop-of-newcastle-christine-hardman>

Further details about the Venerable Christine Hardman can be found at:

<http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/news-and-events/news-article.aspx?id=3983>

Nigerian cardinal joins ‘Bring Back Our Girls’ campaigners to mark 500 days of captivity

Cardinal John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan of Abuja and Sheik Nura Khalid, chief imam of Apo Legislators Quarters Jumu'at Mosque, joined the members of the #BringBackOurGirls movement on August 27 to mark the 500 days that more than 200 girls of the Government Secondary School, Chibok, who were abducted by Boko Haram in their dormitory in Borno state April 14, 2014.

Speaking during the commemoration, Cardinal Onaiyekan expressed sadness that the students were still in the hands of their captors.

“The Joint Task Force kept telling us that it had combed the Sambisa Forest where the abductors alleged to have kept the children, but we have not got an inkling regarding their whereabouts,” he said.

He expressed hope that the 500 days would be a “symbolic catalyst” to move the Nigerian community into recognising the serious problem on its hands and finding a solution.

“I have always identified with this group. That is the reason I came this day; we are commemorating the 500 days they, Chibok girls, were abducted. This is a serious matter. Our girls taken from us,” the cardinal said.

“I am here because I am worried about the girls whose condition we don’t even know. We don’t even know what state they are in, and it is painful,” he said.

Cardinal Onaiyekan called on Nigerians to understand the magnitude of the issue of the abduction and pray for the students’ safe return.

“I thought that this whole place would be congested, but I was terribly disappointed, this whole thing doesn’t seem to hit the hearts of Nigerians unless we are lucky that the media carries it tonight and amplifies it, so the country hears that something happened here today.”

He said he had not planned on going to the commemorations but had received a call from Vatican Radio asking him about it. He said he told Vatican Radio he hoped 500 days would “be a symbolic catalyst to move the Nigerian community into recognising we have a serious

problem. My heart bleeds for the young ladies, the fact that they called me from Rome means that they have not forgotten, it is we that have forgotten.”

Sheik Khalid said his presence at the commemoration was to tell the world that the Muslims faithful were always ready to unite with their Christian brothers and sisters to fight for the soul of the country.

“I want to challenge all the imams that we should use our purpose to fight for the freedom of the Chibok girls, we must tell the world that Boko Haram will never succeed and they are not winning and Nigeria will win this battle, we are peace lovers, we are peace workers and we shall die as peace workers,” he said.

Media digest

David Trimble interview: ‘John Major asked: if you were in my shoes, what would you do?’ - Belfast Newsletter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-news/david-trimble-interview-john-major-asked-if-you-were-in-my-shoes-what-would-you-do-1-6933924>

Non-selective grammar school opens its doors - The Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2015/09/02/news/non-selective-grammar-school-opens-its-doors-248258/>

Inquiry told of 'sectarian abuse' at Co Down training school - [BelfastTelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk)

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/inquiry-told-of-sectarian-abuse-at-co-down-training-school-31495907.html>

Storm as Pope allows priests to forgive the 'sin of abortion' - [BelfastTelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk)

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/world-news/storm-as-pope-allows-priests-to-forgive-the-sin-of-abortion-31495946.html>

Pope Francis to allow priests to 'forgive' abortions - Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/pope-francis-to-allow-priests-to-forgive-abortion-1.2336167>

Dairy crisis: Milk price fall takes £220m out of Northern Ireland economy - BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-34123715>

Tel/Times

Reports on the Archbishop of Canterbury writing for the Re-imagining Europe website which aims to act as a forum for differing views on the future

of the European Union. They state he hopes the website will lead a Christian debate to ensure that people can "disagree well" over the issue and prevent disillusionment and division. Papers also mention the website in articles on planned change in wording for the referendum on Europe.

See blog above.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4544960.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/eureferendum/11837912/David-Cameron-faces-setbacks-over-EU-referendum.html>

Tel

Report that the Pension Insurance Corporation is to buy £70m-worth of bonds to support subsidised retirement housing for Church of England clergy. It says the Church's new 23-year and 33-year bonds will fund the Church's Housing Assistance for the Retired Ministry (Charm) programme, offering affordable housing to retired clergy and their families. It looks at the CofE's investment portfolio.

Guard/BBC

Reports on the summing up in an employment tribunal for Nottinghamshire priest, Jeremy Pemberton, who alleges he was unlawfully

discriminated against by the Church of England after he married his partner. It quotes both sides in the case and says the clergyman may have to wait until next year for a decision from the tribunal.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/01/gay-priest-alleged-discrimination-church-of-england-employment-tribunal>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-34118922>

Guard/Mail

Further reports that guest editors for BBC Radio 4's *Women's Hour* are to include the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, on Wednesday during 'takeover' week on the programme.

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2015/sep/01/michelle-mone-kim-cattrall-bbc-radio-4-womans-hour>

Eve Stand

Report that a Conservative MP has warned the Government it may face defeat over new Sunday trading proposals. It states David Burrowes said the plan would take away any advantage from small shops and rob people of family time.

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/tory-mp-warns-cameron-of-rebellion-over-sunday-trading-a2924691.html>

Tel

Article claiming the EU faces a migrant crisis of 'biblical proportions' as Germany records 3,500 new refugees in just one day.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/11836310/EU-migration-crisis-live.html>

FT/Times/BBC/Guard/Ind/Mail/Tel

Reports that Pope Francis has announced he will allow priests to forgive women who have had abortions, marking a softening in the tone of the Catholic Church on the issue. They state priests are to be given discretion to forgive women for having an abortion as a special concession during the church's forthcoming holy year.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d11e89ac-50b6-11e5-8642-453585f2cfcd.html#a xzz3kYNN5xv1>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4544381.ece>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34118105>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3218122/Pope-allow-priests-forgive-abortion-Holy->

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/the-pope/11836554/Pope-Francis-tells-priests-to-pardon-women-who-have-abortions.html>

BBC

Report that new LED floodlights due to illuminate St Botolph's Church, known as Boston Stump, in Boston, Lincolnshire have been stolen. It states two lights were taken from brick boxes at, on Monday, before they were due to be switched on in November, since the [building was damaged by flooding](#). The Reverend Alyson Buxton is quoted. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-34118915>

Mirror & Mail

Articles on possible site of mass grave of 200 sailors from the Spanish Armada thought to be around the ruins of St Cuthbert's Church, near Dunluce in Northern Ireland. It says archeologist hope to uncover the possible graves by conducting a geophysical survey of a large unmarked plot in the graveyard. <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/experts-probe-spanish-armada-graveyard-6362873>

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/
article-3218462/Do-Spanish-Armada-s-lost-
sailors-lie-buried-cemetery-Unmarked-plot-
Northern-Ireland-mass-grave.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3218462/Do-Spanish-Armada-s-lost-sailors-lie-buried-cemetery-Unmarked-plot-Northern-Ireland-mass-grave.html)

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